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**Applicant:** Keiichiro KATA & Shinichi CHIKAKI  
**Title:** PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER  
**Serial No.:** 10/645,782  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.173**

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This amendment and reply is being filed in response to an Office Action dated November 17, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: